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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/616,901	BOLL ET AL.
	Examiner TISHA D. LEWIS	Art Unit 3681

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

The following is a first action on the merits of application serial no. 10/616,901 filed on July 10, 2003.

### ***Priority***

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

### ***Drawings***

The drawings were received on March 29, 2004. These drawings are approved.

### ***Preliminary Amendment***

The preliminary amendment filed on March 29, 2004 has been entered.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 3, 6, 9 and 15 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- In claim 3, line 3, "system" should be changed to --unit--.
- In claim 6, "(Driver-ID)" should be deleted.
- In claim 9, line 3, "actuators" should be changed to --actuator--.
- In claim 15, line 1, "Apparatus" should be changed to --A method-- since claim 15 depends from claim 1. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the drive train" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "the driver-identifying lock system" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "the adaptation parameters" in lines 2 and 3 and "the identification" in lines 4 and 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 8 recites the limitation "the CAN" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 9 recites the limitation "the chassis" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 15 recites the limitation "the shock absorbers" in lines 3 and 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

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### *Conclusion*

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-Vornehm et al ('118), Ito et al ('286), Suzuki ('601), Katakura et al ('248), Kresse et al ('562), Kim ('401), Tabata et al ('301), Takaoka et al ('483), Saito et al ('647), Toyama et al ('515), Kayano et al ('286), Jager et al ('564), Hause ('674), JP 2000071816A and JP 09256883A are cited as having a transmission wherein the engine torque is reduced before a gearshift occurs to improve riding comfort.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TISHA D. LEWIS whose telephone number is 703-305-0921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 8 AM TO 3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES A. MARMOR can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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